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Early 19th Century Oil Painting of a Bust of Alexander I after Houdon

£650

An early 19th Century oil painting of a Bust of Alexander I by Houdon, painted in sepia tones, depicting a marble bust of Alexander I of Russia in military uniform with several decorations.

SKU: C1618
Height: 30.5 cm (12 inches)
Width: 25.5 cm (10 inches)
Year: English. Circa 1835







This type of painting was often carried out by artists in training to show how they handled painting in shades of one colour. They would be given an item such as a marble bust which is monochrome and asked to paint it showing depth and perspective with a limited colour palette. This is a particularly good example and while not signed it screams quality. The painting is on a Roberson and Miller prepared canvas dating it to 1828-1839 . The painting is in excellent condition and has been professionally cleaned.

The firm of Roberson and Miller, who prepared the canvas, operated from 51 Long Acre in London during the second quarter of the 19th Century